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3. Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)
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6. Computer Program in Microfiche (Appendix)

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a. Paper Copy
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Accompanying Application Parts

8. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

9. 37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)

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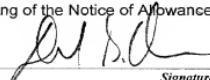
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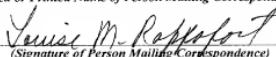
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